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**Field Day 2023!**

## CQ CQ CQ de WB8LCD

I've not got too much to say this week – this past week has kept me way too busy! We all have those times where we feel like we're trapped doing all the things we *have* to do, and not able to concentrate on the things we *want* to do. Ham Radio is my *PASSION* while my profession sometimes seems like a necessary evil.. (No, I'm not really negative about what I do, but the passion level is not quite as high as it is for Ham Radio!) In my job I believe that I am one of the best at what I do – that's just the way I was raised. But if I had the same level of passion about it, then I wouldn't need Ham Radio. I see that same level of *passion* in quite a few of the hams I meet, regardless of their professions. I also see some people who are burned out, used up, and just too tired. Somewhere in the middle are some who are looking for that spark in their lives for something to be passionate about. Many of them are already hams. These are the ones I would describe as our “low hanging fruit”. They are the ones who can be won, or lost, to our cause. A lot of it has to do with the way we treat people. Please be nice. Enable them to see the Joy that we enjoy in the hobby. Being negative, uninviting and just basically a snob can turn them the other way just as easily. I've heard it said that “Ham Radio is a Contact Sport”. I believe that to be a true statement, and the personal contact we have with others is just as important as the “on air” contacts we make. Even more so!

Right about now, most every ham in the US ( and North America ) has FIELD Day on their mind. There are 3 ways to look at your field day experience: 1. I'm here to have FUN, 2. I'm learning as I go along and I want to do better this year than I did last year, or, 3. I'm in it to win it! (Not a Contest? I'm not sure I really believe that.) All 3 of these Field Day Experiences are valid and useful. Decide for yourself, what your purpose in participating in FD is, set some personal goals, and approach your FD involvement with those goals in mind. Your club might have a different goal than you do personally, but you can still help the club move towards their goal while at the same time accomplishing your personal goals. (And, for all you cotton-tops out there my age and up – we don't know it all and we haven't done it all! A lot of the *PASSION* for Ham Radio comes from our quest to constantly learn more and improve our skills. We can always learn something new, unless we've decided against it....)

As for me, I'll be out and about. I am in that “learning mode” and visiting Field Day sites throughout the state (The Ohio Section) has certainly been an eye-opener for me. I've learned a lot and have had the opportunity to meet a lot of the really GREAT Hams in the Ohio Section. But, with the size of Ohio, the number of clubs in the Ohio Section (well over 100) it's going to take me a couple more years to hit them all. Sure, I could hit a lot more if I just slowed down and waved as I passed by, but that just doesn't seem like the right way to do things. And, there's nothing personal about where I stop, it's got a lot more about the route I'm trying to take. Everywhere I've stopped over the past few years as been outstanding. Good luck to you all in achieving your 2023 Field Day goals!

Looking backwards, I want to make a couple of comments about Hamvention 2023. I sure hope you were there. According to Jim Gifford – KD8APT – Hamvention Media Chair, this year’s attendance was 33,861. I hope you were one of them, because HAMVENTION is the Greatest Ham Radio show on the planet. Just being there probably boosted the “PASSION” level of the attendees by a very large percentage! If you were interested in it – it was there. I have always been interested in satellites. I traded some of my hard-earned money to DX Engineering for an Icom 9700, a Yaesu Az/El rotator and a combination radio / rotator controller. I’ll let you know how that project proceeds. Of course, I need to do some reconfiguration in the shack before I have the suitable space on the operating desk, so that needs to get completed first.

Get yourself to Field Day! Try something new, maybe a park, a satellite, a rig, a home-brew project, whatever.... Just do something that will feed you passion and make you a better Ham Radio Operator! To be precise, this is the Amateur Radio Service. Amateur comes from the French word meaning “lover of” (my loose interpretation). And that’s where the “Passion” comes from – we are all “lovers of” the Magic of Radio!

One last thing...The Parma Radio Club is sponsoring “Kids Day” at the Stearns Homestead on June 17 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. (see the flyer at the end of the “Clubs” section). This has been a multiple-year project of the Parma Radio Club and they have been gaining traction over the past few years. Check out this quick movie on the event!

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=9d265c0f8c&attid=0.2&permmsgid=msg-f:1767519997831087479&th=18877e12c41f0577&view=att&disp=safe>

Get on the air and give the Kids a contact and a QSO!

73,

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Ohio Section Manager  
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330-554-4650



## Youth Net

**When:** The second Sunday of every month at 7:30 PM EST

**Where:** The K8IV repeater located in Kent, Ohio (EchoLink node K8BF-L) RF: 146.895 Mhz with PL 118.8

**Who:** Any licensed amateur radio operator who wishes to participate. Priority will be given to youth stations and those located in Ohio.

The purpose of this net is to encourage youth activity in amateur radio and to help new hams get more comfortable on the air.

**Net tonight (6/11/2023)!**

**\*\*\*Next Net is Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***

If you are a young ham, in the Ohio Section or elsewhere, please check in and say “Hello”! Even if you’re far away from OHIO you can check in via Echo-Link. Echo-Link is a good tool to have, and it can be accessed from your laptop, tablet or cellphone. But there is a process to get validated to the Echo-link system. It’s simple to do, but you need to get it done before the day of the net! Go to [Introducing EchoLink](#) for more information on getting started. If you’re an “Old Guy” (a gender neutral term meaning not a youthful operator) and you have some kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews or even some neighborhood kids who you would like to give a chance to talk to other kids about Ham Radio, this might be an excellent opportunity to give them that small nudge that could be the start of something positive they will carry with them through life!

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## *National News*

*(from ARRL and other sources)*

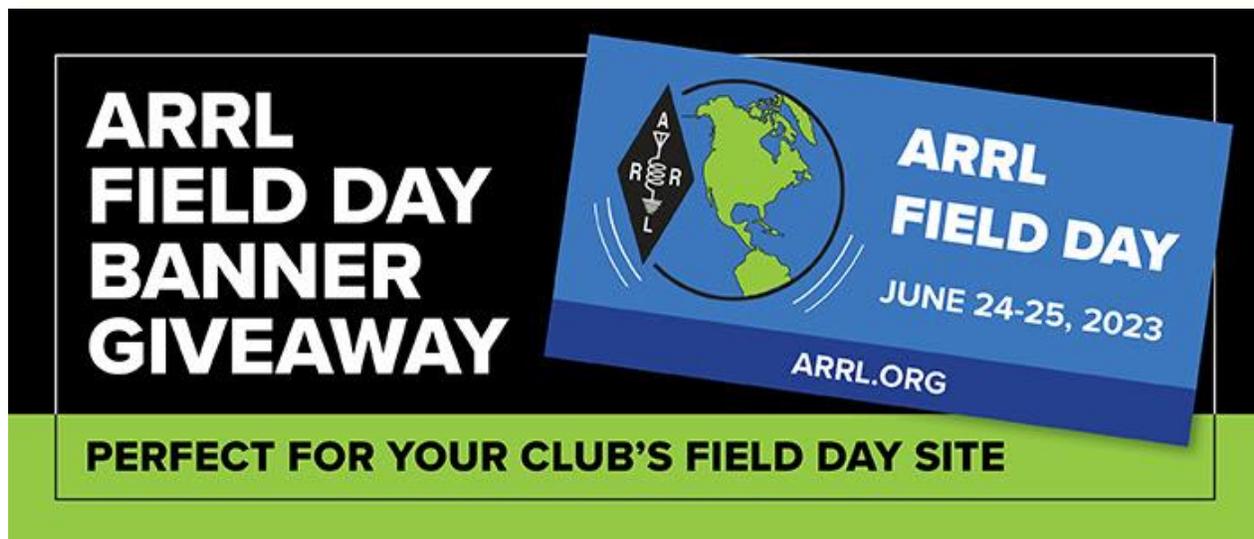
Is your club ready for ARRL Field Day?

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## ARRL Field Day is June 24-25

2023 ARRL Field Day is approaching fast! There's still time to get ready for amateur radio's largest on-air operating event – [shirts](#), [hats](#), [pins](#), [patches](#), [mugs](#), and [recruitment posters](#) are available while supplies last. Clubs can collect orders from their members and place a single order to save on shipping!



You will automatically be entered for a chance to win with your Field Day purchase. No purchase necessary. To enter without purchasing, use this [form](#). Drawing will take place on June 14, 2023 and the winner will be contacted that same day.

For rules, bands, and more visit [arrl.org/FieldDay](https://arrl.org/FieldDay).

To order visit [arrl.org/shop](https://arrl.org/shop). You need to be [logged](#) into the website to checkout. Or call our Publication Team toll-free in the US 1-888-277-5289, Monday – Thursday 8 am – 7 pm (EDT) and Friday 8 am – 5 pm (EDT).

ARRL is the national membership association for amateur radio operators. We provide opportunities to discover radio, to develop new skills, and to serve your local community. No other organization works harder than ARRL to promote and protect amateur radio!

## ARRL Foundation Accepting Applications for Grants in June

The ARRL Foundation is now accepting grant applications from amateur radio organizations for eligible amateur radio-related projects and initiatives, particularly those focused on educating, licensing, and supporting amateur radio activities. To grow amateur radio's future, youth-based projects and initiatives are especially encouraged. The ARRL Foundation grants program accepts proposals on a cyclical model three times a year: in February, June, and October. Proposals for the June grant period are accepted through June 30. Awardees will be notified approximately 1 month after the closing of each cycle.



The ARRL Foundation is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The Foundation carefully manages a portfolio of endowments where donors have provided specific goals for their gifts, and that portfolio is invested and managed in a way that it can continue to support those goals for many years to come.

Additional information and a link to the grant application can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-grants>

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### **Lewis & Clark trail on the air (LCTOTA) special event**

Greetings,

The Clark County Amateur Radio Club (W7AIA) is once again hosting the LCTOTA special event. This will run from 0000 UTC June 3rd to 0000 UTC June 19th. We have 20 clubs from the 16 states, along the trail, activating during this period. Certificates are available for those working 1-15 states and another one for those working all 16. Stations on air times are posted on the website, LCTOTA.org. A great opportunity to pick up some elusive states for WAS. Details are on LCTOTA.org.

Thank You ,  
Rick Smith KT7G  
LCTOTA committee.

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# Countdown to W4DXCC

September 29 and 30, 2023, Pigeon Forge, TN

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**NEW LOCATION !!!**

**What:**

**18th Annual W4DXCC DX and Contesting Convention**

**When:**

**September 29 and 30, 2023**

**Where:**

**Ramsey Hotel and Convention Center, 3230 Parkway, Pigeon Forge**

**Why:**

**Fellowship, learning, fun, food and most importantly, renewed friendships!**

Please visit [W4DXCC.com](http://W4DXCC.com) now for more information and to order your conference and banquet tickets!

**It's time to make your hotel reservations!!**

The Ramsey is only minutes from our previous venue and their convention/banquet area is outstanding. It's very easy to get to and close to everything. The Ramsey offers a full breakfast buffet, a fireplace in the lobby, a lounge and bar - including a Tiki bar by the pool. Due to many fun things happening in Pigeon Forge, please make your hotel reservations asap by

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calling 865-428-2700. When you call, be sure to tell them you are with W4DXCC by SEDCO for our special room rate. You cannot make reservations online.

See you soon,  
Dave Anderson, K4SV  
Convention leader  
[Dave@w4dxcc.com](mailto:Dave@w4dxcc.com)

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## *Club Corner*

This is YOUR corner of the newsletter. Send me what your club is doing and I'll make sure that it gets in. Got a special event or club project that you want everyone to know about? Send it to me! Need help with a project? Send it to me.

Let me know what your club is up to. Are you going to have a special guest at your meeting or are you having a special anniversary?  
Just send it to: [webmaster@arrl-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arrl-ohio.org)

**Please! Format as below:**

If you want me to publish your club information, or even an article you have written, please send it in WORD format (.docx). Please use Times New Roman font size 12 for the body of the article. Any photos please include as a .jpg or .bmp – the time you save me in doing all the conversions will be greatly appreciated.



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## Club Commission Program Update

Clubs are using the Club Commission Program to generate income for the club and promote ARRL membership across the country. From January 1 through March 31 of this year, various clubs generated 217 separate memberships, with 21 of them returning members, 59 new

members, and 135 renewals. That translates to a total of \$1,875 paid in commissions to those clubs.

Development is under way to improve the process. As of now, the steps are the same:

- Distribute the application forms to prospective and existing members.
- Collect the applications and fill out a Club Reconciliation Form.
- Send all the forms with the dues to ARRL.

Once the above steps are completed, the club will receive a commission check from ARRL.

The necessary forms are located at [Affiliated Club Benefits \(arrl.org\)](#) under the Club Commission Program link.

Consider having a quarterly event at a club meeting to discuss ARRL membership, and offer this to members. Members can renew at any time without losing time. If your renewal is normally in July and you renew in May, the time is added to your July date.

In the spirit of ARRL's Year of the Volunteers, in 2023 we are offering the following promotion to clubs using the Club Commission Program:

- For every five new members signed through the Club Commission Program through the end of 2023, ARRL will give the club a copy of *The ARRL Handbook*, which can be used as a promotion, a door prize, an auction item at hamfests, or however you choose.

Keep reading ARRL Club News for additional information on how clubs are using this program.

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## **Want to know where to go to get the courses you need? It's all Right Here!**

- [Ohio EMA Training Calendar](#)
- [Login to the DPS Training Campus](#)
- [Create a new account on the DPS Training Campus](#)

### **NOTE:**

- Most courses are in-person but some course may be hosted virtually (this will be noted).
- Seats available listed are as of the release of this update and will change quickly.
- All classes will be posted on the DPS training campus at least 60 days prior to the start of the course.

- Please read the [Training Policy & Catalog](#) for more information on Ohio EMA trainings.
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## How to Plan and Apply for an ARRL Hamfest or Convention

If your amateur radio club is planning to host a convention, hamfest, tailgate, or swapfest, please consider applying for ARRL sanctioned status for your event. To learn what it means to be an ARRL sanctioned event, and to get some ideas on how to prepare for and conduct a hamfest or convention, visit [www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events](http://www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events).

To apply for ARRL sanctioned status for your event, go to [www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application](http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application).

The ARRL Hamfests and Conventions Calendar can be found online at [www.arrl.org/hamfests](http://www.arrl.org/hamfests). In addition, the Convention and Hamfest Calendar that runs in *QST* each month also presents information about upcoming events.

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## VE Sessions

### **The following information is for ALL exam sessions:**

It is now an FCC requirement to have an FCC FRN; active email address and active phone number before taking any exam. Please bring your FCC FRN, original license, a copy of your license (if a licensed ham), a valid photo ID and \$15.00 - Cash preferred.

Effective April 19, 2022, the FCC will charge a \$35.00 application fee for amateur radio licenses. The fee will apply to new, renewal, rule waiver, and modification applications that request a new vanity call sign. License upgrades will not have a fee applied. The fee will be per application. *VE's will not collect the fees at exam sessions.*

### **All Things Amateur Radio Association (ATARA)**

We host testing sessions every second Tuesday of the month in Lancaster. To sign up please visit our website <https://atara-w8atr.fun> and contact us at [hamexams@atara-w8atr.fun](mailto:hamexams@atara-w8atr.fun).

### **Butler County Amateur Radio Association W8WRK**

Laurel VE Testing Session - hosted by DIAL amateur radio club

Amateur Radio License Examinations at 9:00AM on Sunday April 29th at Fairfield Township Administration Building 6032 Morris Rd. Hamilton, OH 45011. Pre-Registration is required, go to: [www.qsl.net/w8blv](http://www.qsl.net/w8blv) click on Exams and follow the instructions. Additional info may be obtained from Thurl Golden, KD8VLU (513) 939-4891 [tgolden@fuse.net](mailto:tgolden@fuse.net) or Ron Spaulding, N8QF, (513) 617-6181 or [n8qf@roadrunner.com](mailto:n8qf@roadrunner.com). There are no Exam Fees!

### **CARS**

VE testing from CARS - Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society - at Elmwood Recreation Center, 6200 Wisnieski Parkway in Independence, Ohio 44131 Time: 9:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Always the 2nd Sunday of the odd month. Go to CARS [www.2cars.org](http://www.2cars.org) for detailed map of location. Call Metro W8MET 216-520-1320 for details

### **Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA)**

What: CLARA sponsored A.R.R.L. VE Testing - Walk-ins allowed. Pre-Register via email preferred.

When: On every second Saturday of each even numbered month starting at 10:00 AM  
Feb 11th; Apr 8th; Jun 10th; Aug 12th; Oct 14th; and Dec 9th, 2023.

Where: Springview Government Center - Emergency Operations Center; 3130 E Main St; Springfield OH 45503 This is US-40 aka "old national road". From Route 40 enter Old Columbus Road, at the fork stay left driving straight onto Ogden Rd, then immediately turn left into the parking lot behind the EMA. Walk to the door with the "Employees Only" sign.

For more information contact Roland W. Ude, W8BUZ, (937) 605-4951 Email:

[buzz@baylorhill.com](mailto:buzz@baylorhill.com)

### **Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA)**

If you are interested in testing for a new or upgraded license, please come see us at the DARA Clubhouse. If you have questions about testing, please email [exams.w8bi@gmail.com](mailto:exams.w8bi@gmail.com)

### **Dial Radio Club, Middleton, OH**

Will offer Amateur Radio License Examinations at 6:00PM on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at St. John XXIII Elementary School, 3806 Manchester Rd., Middletown, OH 45042. Pre-Registration is required, go to: [www.qsl.net/w8blv](http://www.qsl.net/w8blv) click on Exams and follow the instructions. Additional info may be obtained from Dave Williamson, KD8W, (513) 424-5819 or [kd8w@ARRL.net](mailto:kd8w@ARRL.net) or Ron Spaulding, N8QF, (513) 617-6181 or [n8qf@roadrunner.com](mailto:n8qf@roadrunner.com). There are no Exam Fees!

### **Geauga Amateur Radio Association (GARA)**

Amateur License exam sessions are offered for all license classes (Technician, General, Extra).

Walk-ins are always welcome - no prior registration is required. No fee for the exam.

The GARA schedule of exams are these Sundays at 2pm. Dates for 2023 are January 15<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>, and November 12<sup>th</sup>.



Exams are held at the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services and Emergency Operations Center, 12518 Merritt Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024. The EOC is located just south of the University Geauga Hospital and just east of the Geauga County Safety Center (Sheriff's Office), off of State Route 44 between State Route 322 and State Route 87 on Merritt Road.

Please arrive a few minutes before 14:00 to allow adequate time to process the necessary paper work and take your test. Bring your 1) photo ID, 2) email address, 3) FCC FRN, 4) a printout of your current license if taking the General or Extra exam.

Additional info may be obtained from Jim Mekeel, KE8EMP, email [KE8EMP@gmail.com](mailto:KE8EMP@gmail.com) or the Geauga Amateur Radio Association website <https://geaugaara.org>

### **Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club**

Huber heights amateur radio club does ARRL VE testing the second Saturday of each even numbered month. Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec. 9:30-11:00 For more information contact Jim Storms – AB8YK at [ab8yk@hotmail.com](mailto:ab8yk@hotmail.com)

### **The Lake County Amateur Radio Association**

The Lake County Amateur Radio Association is holding its **2023** Amateur Radio license exams at the **Kirtland Library**, 9267 Chillicothe Road, on the following dates:

Saturday, February 4	Saturday, August 5
Saturday, April 1	Saturday, October 7
Saturday, June 3	Saturday, December 2

This bi-monthly schedule is the first Saturday of every even-numbered month (e.g., February being the second month, etc.). They are held at the Kirtland Library, 9267 Chillicothe Road. It is 1.7 miles south of I-90 on Route 306 (Chillicothe Rd). The library is on the left, just beyond the Marathon gas station.

The tests will start at **12 noon**. Please arrive a few minutes earlier.

To register, you will need a NCVEC 605 Form, which will be available at the test. If you would like to complete one ahead of time, be sure it is the Sept 2017 version or later. You can find it by Googling “NCVEC quick-form 605” and clicking on the url for a pdf of the form. Please note **the FCC requires you to provide a FRN** (FCC Registration Number). Social Security Numbers are no longer accepted. If you are new to ham radio and don’t have a FRN, Google “New FRN” and follow the fcc.gov link.

If you are currently licensed, be sure to **bring a copy of your license to the exam**. The cost of the exam itself is \$15.00, and if you wish to pay by check, it should be made out to the ARRL/VEC. Identification with your picture is also necessary, such as a driver’s license. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Farnham, KO8O, at (440) 256-0320, or [scottfarnham@roadrunner.com](mailto:scottfarnham@roadrunner.com)

**In addition** to the \$15 test fee, the FCC now charges \$35 to add you to the Amateur Radio database. The FCC will e-mail successful candidates instructions for payment directly to them. Payment must be made within 10 days of the e-mail. This charge does not apply to upgrades.

#### **The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (LFCARC)**

hosts exam sessions at the FAIRFIELD County EMA, 240 Baldwin Dr in Lancaster Ohio, 43130, on the first Saturday each month at 10:00 am. Please visit our website at <http://www.k8qik.org> for exam dates on our calendar and navigate to our Learning Center/Taking the Exam link for information and requirements. Our experienced VE team looks forward to serving the Amateur Radio community in Central Ohio. Contact me at [ve\\_testing@k8qik.org](mailto:ve_testing@k8qik.org) to register.

#### **Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association**

Beginning Feb 11, 2023 Testing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at the Columbiana County EMA located at 215 S Market St. Lisbon, OH 44432. Walk-ins OK. Check in at 1:00PM. For more information go to [www.K8GQB.com](http://www.K8GQB.com) or contact NN8B at [nn8b.oh@gmail.com](mailto:nn8b.oh@gmail.com)  
**NO VE SESSION IN JULY**

#### **Madison County**

The Laurel testing group will offer testing on the first Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Tests are held at 7:00PM at the Madison County EMA located at 271 Elm St. London, OH. No fee.

#### **The Milford Amateur Radio Club (MARC)**

VE testing is held the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Location; Miami Township Civic Center located at 6101 Meijer Drive, Milford, OH 45150.  
Please pre-register at [www.milfordhamradio.org](http://www.milfordhamradio.org)

### **Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (NOARS)**

VE sessions are held the first Saturday of odd-numbered months (EXCEPT FOR March and July) at 10 AM in the North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to register, contact Elaine, KC8FOS at [ewilkinson1951@gmail.com](mailto:ewilkinson1951@gmail.com). There will be a VE session held March 12<sup>th</sup> at the NOARS Winterfest held at Lorain County Community College in the John A Spitzer Conference Center, 1005 Abbe Rd N, Elyria, OH 44035. Please email Elaine – KC8FOS at [ewilkinson1951@gmail.com](mailto:ewilkinson1951@gmail.com) to register.

### **Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS)**

The first Saturday of every even numbered month -10 am – at the PCARS club site in Ravenna. Please visit the PCARS web site and check out the information about VE testing in the latest newsletter at [www.portcars.org](http://www.portcars.org) .  
If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at KB8UUZ@gmail.com

### **Tusco Amateur Radio Club W8ZX**

VE Testing sessions are held on the second Saturday of every even numbered month at the Dover Faith Church, 420 N Wooster Ave, Dover, OH 44622. Pre-registration is not necessary. Doors open at 0830 for registration, exams begin at 0900. Cost is \$15. You are required to have an email address and a copy of your FRN or current ham radio license. For more information please go to [www.w8zx.net/exam](http://www.w8zx.net/exam) or email [VETEAM@N8BAG.NET](mailto:VETEAM@N8BAG.NET).

**West Chester Amateur Radio Association (WC8VOA)** Exam sessions are held one Saturday each month at 10:00 AM-Noon at the VOA Bethany Relay Museum located at *8070 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, Ohio 45069*. For more information and links to register, please see our website: <https://wc8voa.org/licensing/>

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## **Pan Ohio Hope Ride Request for Assistance**

We are currently looking for additional volunteers for the 2023 Pan Ohio Hope Ride (POHR). POHR is a charitable bicycle ride that supports the American Cancer Society. It is a 4-day ride that spans the state from Cleveland to Cincinnati, with overnight stays along the way in Wooster, Westerville, and Dayton. Thursday, July 20th - Sunday, July 23rd 2023

We are currently looking for assistance in the following roles:

- SAG (Support and Gear) drivers

- SAG drivers follow along the route in their personal vehicles and provide assistance to cyclists in need. They are provided a tote of equipment (spare tubes, air pump, snacks, water, Gatorade, other misc. supplies) at the beginning of the event and are expected to return unused items at the end. SAG drivers are coordinated and dispatched using MARCS interop channels. Anyone with their own radio is welcome to use it. For all other volunteers, CACHE radios will be signed out each day. SAG drivers are offered prepaid overnight lodging in hotels along the route. They are also provided food every day. Fuel receipts can be submitted at the conclusion of the event for reimbursement if desired. We would love to have SAG drivers accompany us for all 4 days but will accept volunteers for any individual days as well. We would prefer that SAG volunteers are able to commit to at least one full day.
- Rest Stop Transportation Officers
  - Transportation officers will be assigned to rest stops along the route. Transportation officers will be responsible for coordinating SAG pickups at each rest stop, assigning waiting riders to available SAG vehicles as they arrive on site, and then reporting all pickups to net control via radio (MARCS, simplex, or ham repeater depending on cache radio availability) or telephone.

An amateur radio comms plan will be in place for all days of the event, but will serve as a backup with MARCS being the primary means of communication whenever possible.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this event, or with any questions about the event should contact Mat Nickoson, KC8NZJ [kc8nzj@outlook.com](mailto:kc8nzj@outlook.com)

As a side note, I've heard many comments from people regarding the past communications leadership of this event. I want to assure everyone that the event is being run by a new group (Event Support Group [www.n8esg.org](http://www.n8esg.org)) as of around 2019 and ALL amateurs are welcome and encouraged to participate in this event!

Thanks again and I look forward to your assistance!

**Mat Nickoson KC8NZJ COML**  
**[Event Support Group Founder](#)**  
**Ohio ARES District 10 Emergency Coordinator**  
**Cuyahoga County/Cleveland Weather Skywarn Coordinator**

# **Amateur Radio Kids Day**

## **Saturday June 17th**



Hams! We need operators and organizational help to continue offering this event. Write [parmaradioclub@gmail.com](mailto:parmaradioclub@gmail.com) for info. Or contact us on 7.195 mHz, 14.245 mHz (approx.), or the KB8WLW repeater 145.410 mHz

**Parma Radio Club** and the **Parma Historical Society** are partnering for a unique opportunity to provide visiting youth the experience of telling kids around the country about their exciting day at **Stearns Homestead**.

**Kids and adults can talk on the worldwide amateur (ham) radio bands with kids in far reaching places. Fascinating Radio & Science Exhibits**

**To commemorate their radio contact experience, participants can receive a free, personalized certificate to show family, teachers and friends.**



### **Stearns Homestead**

(Facebook: Stearns Homestead)  
6975 Ridge Road, Parma, 44129

**10 am to 3 pm - in the cabin**

**Parma Radio Club W8PRC**  
**"A Great Place to Grow in Amateur Radio"**  
[www.parmaradioclub.com](http://www.parmaradioclub.com)

## Athens County Fox Hunting



The June 10th foxhunt was won by KC8JRV Kirk Groeneveld in just over an hour despite great distance and a braiding failure. Fox W8NZB Phil Stanley had hidden on the far county line along a highway that had to cross into two other counties before dipping back into Hocking Co. Second place was W8BRU Bruce Underwood in 100 minutes. Third place was KB8OTU Dave Brimmer who threw in the towel with Roy Vickers KC8TFW. The next hunt will be in July...and is open to anyone with a country map, compass and a two Meter receiver.

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### **Your Club news should be listed here!**

I know you're out there doing things! Send me a write-up (MSWord please) and some photo's (.jpg please) and we'll get your club hi-lited here for the other OH Section Clubs to see! Send to [WB8LCD@ARRL.ORG](mailto:WB8LCD@ARRL.ORG)

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## **ARLD023 DX news**

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by XQ7UP, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA, 3C. Ersoy, TA2OM is QRV as 3C3CA from Malabo and here for another two months. Activity is on the HF bands and 6 meters using FT8. QSL to home call.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Kasimir, DL2SBY will be QRV as 8Q7KB from Maafushi Island, IOTA AS-013, from June 13 to 21. Activity will be on 12, 10, and 6 meters. QSL direct to home call.

PAKISTAN, AP. Mubeen, AP2AJM is QRV on 10 and 6 meters using FT8 and SSB. QSL to home call.

EASTER ISLAND, CE0. Operators XQ3PCN, CA3YMR and CE3KEY will be QRV as CE0Y/XQ3PCN from June 12 to 18. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via operators' instructions.

IRAN, EP. Hassan, EP5CHD has been QRV on 17 meters using FT8 around 0200z. QSL direct to home call.

ETHIOPIA, ET. Ulli, DL9WVM is QRV from club station ET3AA in Addis Ababa until July 14. He is active between 0630 and 1400z. QSL via N2OO.

FRANCE, F. Michel, F8GGZ will be QRV with special event call sign TM400BP from June 14 to 21 to commemorate the 400 years since the birth of the French mathematician and physicist Blaise Pascal. QSL to home call.

MAYOTTE, FH. Marek, FH4VVK is here until June 2024 and QRV on the HF bands and 6 meters using SSB and FT8. He may soon be active using RTTY. QSL to home call.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA, P2. Gio, ZL3SSB will be QRV as P29VBR from Port Moresby from June 11 to 21. Activity will be in his spare time on the HF bands.

CENTRAL KIRIBATI, T31. A group of operators are QRV as T31TT from Kanton Island, IOTA OC-043, until June 14. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and with seven FT8 stations in DXpedition mode. QSL via OQRS.

DUCIE ISLAND, VP6. A group of operators will be QRV as VP6A from June 11 to 24. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters, with five stations active, using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via HA7RY.

LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS, VU7. Yuris, YL2GM is QRV as VU7W from Minicoy Island, IOTA AS-106, until June 18. Activity is on the HF bands and 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

VIET NAM, VX. Gran, UA3AA is QRV as XV9G from Mui Ne and here for an extended period of time. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

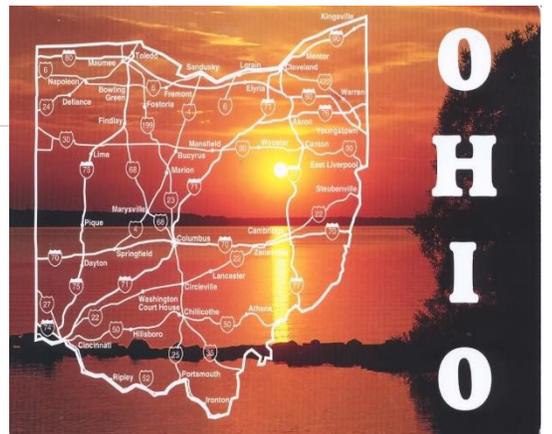
MYANMAR, XZ. Akio, JE2QIZ is QRV as XZ2B from Yangon until the end of September. Activity is on 15, 12, 10, and 6 meters using CW. QSL via JH3SIF.

The 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC CW Memorial, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, NAQCC CW Sprint, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40, Mini-Test 80 and the RSGB 80-Meter Club CW Championship are on tap for June 12 to 14.

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## Upcoming *Hamfests*

We **DO** have some hamfests scheduled for 2023!!



# Ohio Hamfests

## 2023

**07/08/2023 - [Mansfield Trunkfest 2023](#)**

**Location:** Mansfield, OH

**Sponsor:** Intercity Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://iarc.club>

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**07/15/2023 - [NOARSFEST](#)**

**Location:** Elyria, OH

**Sponsor:** Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

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**07/16/2023 - [Van Wert Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Van Wert, OH

**Sponsor:** Van Wert Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://w8fy.org>

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**07/22/2023 - [Ashtabula County Hamfest 2023](#)**

**Location:** Pierpont, OH

**Sponsor:** Amigos Radio Club Ashtabula

**Website:** <https://sites.google.com/view/arca-home/>

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**08/05/2023 - [2023 Columbus Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Grove City, OH

**Sponsor:** Aladdin Shrine Audio Unit

**Website:** <http://www.columbushamfest.com>

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**08/12/2023 - [Cincinnati Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Owensville, OH

**Sponsor:** Milford ARC

**Website:** <https://CincinnatiHamfest.org>

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**08/20/2023 - [WARA Tailgate Swap Meet](#)**

**Location:** Cortland, OH

**Sponsor:** Warren Amateur Radio Association

**Website:** <http://w8vtd.org>

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**09/10/2023 - [Findlay Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Findlay, OH

**Sponsor:** Findlay Radio Club

**Website:** <http://findlayradioclub.org>

[Learn More](#)

09/24/2023 - [Cleveland Hamfest](#)  
**Location:** Berea, OH  
**Sponsor:** Hamfest Association of Cleveland  
**Website:** <http://www.hac.org>  
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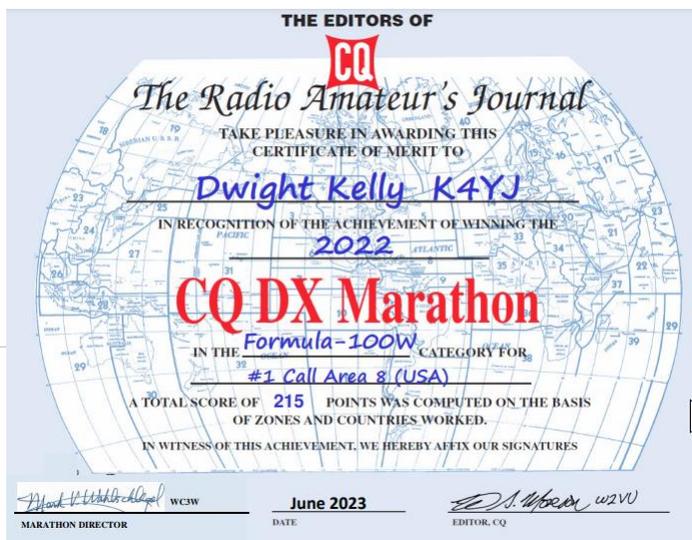
10/29/2023 - [Massillon \(OH\) Hamfest \(& auction\)](#)  
**Location:** North Canton, , OH  
**Sponsor:** Massillon Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://www.w8np.net>  
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## DX This Week – LB1G Interview

Bill AJ8B (aj8b@arrl.net, @AJ8B, or www.aj8b.com)  
CWOPs Member #1567

Have you recovered from all of the ham activities of the past weeks? Recently the bands have been a bit of a challenge during the day, but they have been fun at night. Things have fallen into a more traditional summer pattern. When I was in high school (1973 to 1977 or FIFTY years ago), I had a job as a junior and senior in high school where I cleaned machines in a factory. I would get home around 9 PM and then sit on the bands until 2 or 3 AM. It was great DX and great times and I still have friends from that era. I had a taste of that last Tuesday and Wednesday. On Tuesday, between 9:30 and 11, I worked quite a bit of Western Europe on 15M SSB including 9H1TT and 9H1PF on Malta, EA1X in Spain, and VK2CR in Australia. The next night I worked T31TT on Central Kiribati, PA3AAV in the Netherlands, F5IN in France, 9A1AA in Croatia, and OG70AD in Finland. These were all on CW and at relatively the same timeframe. My summer routine will kick in this weekend; check the bands around 6 AM before heading to work and then again after 9 PM or so. Give it a listen. “You can’t catch fish unless you cast!”



Congratulations to K4YJ Dwight. He has had a solid contest year. Dwight received his ARRL Sweepstakes “Sweep Mug” and then received his certificate for finishing first in the CQ Marathon for the 8<sup>th</sup> Call Area in the Formula-100W category. Well Done Dwight!!

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## Interview with LB1G—Jan

I worked LN8W and sent an email requesting an interview. He felt that LB1G, Jan, would provide us with answers. I contacted Jan and he immediately responded.

**AJ8B:** How did you first get interested in amateur radio?

**LB1G:** My father was licensed as LA5QK in 1965, and my brother and I soon got interested in what he was doing. We started up listening to an old receiver with a long-wire antenna on 80 meter in the evenings and were soon hooked. This was even long before I started learning English in school. At the time Norway had 16 years as age limit for the amateur license, so I spent some years as a SWL. My brother got LA5KO in 1970, and I got LB1G in 1976.



*My 'shack' - just a Maestro with keyer connected in my home*

**AJ8B:** Do you have a favorite band or mode?

**LB1G:** Except that I mostly operate the traditionally contest band, I don't really have a favorite. All bands have their own optics, and I like exploring different openings on the various bands. That said, the last decade or so I have mostly operated low bands, especially 160m. With good antennas Top Band really gives some exciting moments, and challenges. For Top Band DXing CW is the preferred mode. For casual DXing on high bands I prefer SSB.

**AJ8B:** What time of day and days do you like to operate?

**LB1G:** I am mostly on the bands during the weekends. Of course for contest, but also for casual DXing.

**AJ8B:** Any secrets to your success?

**LB1G:** A genuine interest in exploring the bands for special openings. In contest I prefer focusing on one band to be able to take advantage of all the various openings. Another point of interest is understanding the band conditions for the operator in the other end of the QSO.

**AJ8B:** Describe what you are currently using:

**LB1G:** I am currently operating the LA8W contest station, either on location or remote from home. At home I have a Maestro to remotely control the Flex Radios at LA8W.

**AJ8B:** What advice do you have for those of us trying to break pileups to work DX?

**LB1G:** Listen to, and follow, their instructions. Try to find their operating pattern. Who are they working, and when operating split are they listening to one frequency or are they scanning a segment? With band scope it is often easy to find the frequency for the stations they work. Since a lot of operators use this technique today, the DX station often sweeps a given segment for signals. Try to find a transmit frequency you think may be good on the DX side.

**AJ8B:** What is your favorite contest?

**LB1G:** CQ WW DX and ARRL DX contest, both CW and SSB.

**AJ8B:** Can you tell us about the contest station at LN8W? How did it get started?

**LB1G:** LA Contest Club, with the call LA8W (LN8W in contests) was established in around 1995 by LB1GB and LB8IB, and the first few years they operated from LB8IBs cottage QTH. In 2001 the station relocated to a farm location in Rakkestad, south-east of Oslo. A loft, with shack and some sleeping space was rented, and 2 towers were erected, 18 and 24 meters. Antennas was monoband beams for 10 and 15 on one tower, and 20 and 40 on the other. Verticals for 80 and 160.

For a few years there were a couple of other contest clubs (LA3Z and LA9Z) trying to build stations to compete, but in 2016 we all decided to join forces and go for one big station. This came as a result of new opportunities at the farm location in Rakkestad. We now lease the farmhouse for accommodation and built a large shack in the barn. In addition, we can use land not suited for farming for antennas. Station owner is LA5KO.

First, we put up two new towers (18 and 24 m), and upgraded the antennas a bit. We now had 5-el monobanders for 10,15 and 20 on separate towers and used the 4th for a Step-IR for 40m and the WARC bands.

3 years ago we made a big step upwards and put up two rotatable 56-meter towers. All beams are from Optibeam in Germany. On one tower we have a 3-stack of OB3-21 (5 el on 20, 5el on 15 and 11 el on 10m) plus a 2-stack of OB40-4 (4 el 40m beam). On the other we out up a 3-stack of OB3-16 (4 el on 20, 4 el on 15 and 8 el on 10m) plus 1 OB40-4 (4 el 40m) and a OB80-3 (3 el on 80m). All 3-banders are connected to a triplexer, so all bands can be used at the same time.

In addition, we have put up 4-square antennas for 80 and 160m. The 80m 4-square is full size verticals, while the 160m is 27m verticals with top hat. The shack is designed for Multi-Multi operation, and we have 6 separate operating positions, one for each contest band. They are all equally equipped, with Flex 6600 and PGXL amplifiers.

All station may be used separately from remote, meaning several operators may operate on separate bands. In addition, one station is set up to also be used on WARC bands.

**AJ8B:** Any QSLing hints?

**LB1G:** All LA8W/LN8W QSOs are uploaded to LoTW, and we also reply to all paper cards received.

**AJ8B:** What coaching/advice would you give new amateurs?

**LB1G:** Listen! Listen to how other operators operate. Listen to instructions from the DX station: Is he working split? Is he looking for a special area? If he says “QRZ, only JA”, don’t call if you’re not in Japan. Also note that contests may be a good opportunity to pick some nice DX. Generally, it much easier to get through the pile-up during a contest, than in an ordinary DX operation. FT8 has become an increasingly popular mode and is a nice way to pick up some DX.

**AJ8B:** If I were to stop by Norway for a visit, what local place would you want us to visit?

**LB1G:** In general, the fjords in the western part, and Lofoten in the northern part. Amazing nature and sights!

In Oslo, the Vigeland Sculpture Park, and the Viking Ship Museum. In Trondheim, the “Nidarosdomen” – the Nidaros Cathedral. In Bergen, the old city at the harbor area. In the Stavanger area, the “Prekestolen” – an 800 meter vertical cliff.

**AJ8B:** What local food would you want me to try?

**LB1G:** “Pinnekjott”, “Lutefisk” and “Faarikaal” are traditional Norwegian dishes. They are mostly seasonal and mostly for special occasions, and not general not on the menu in restaurants. And, if anybody offers you “smalahove” – which is regarded as a delicacy by some in the western part of the country – start running! Basically, it is boiled sheep head.

**AJ8B:** Thanks for taking the time to answer my questions. Is there anything you would like to share with us?

**LB1G:** Operating from Norway has some challenges. We are often stuck with heavy signal

degradations caused by solar flares and Aurora. The further north, the worse it becomes. But, we have also some advantages. In the wintertime, the days are short, which give us long nights for DXing on low bands. In the northern part, they can work low bands around the clock. In CQ DX contest on CW in late November we can work DX around the clock on 40 meter, with Japan and North America at the same time most of the day.

CU on the bands.

73 de Jan / LB1G

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*Figure 3 The new 56 meter tower, fully equipped*



*Figure 2 The two 56-meter towers, and E77DX installing the 50m beam.*



*Figure 1 From left: LB3IB, LA3BO, LB3CG and LB1GB Multi-Multi in CQ WPX CW.*

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Here is an update from Bernie, W3UR, of the DailyDX and the WeeklyDX, the best source for DX information. <http://www.dailydx.com/> . Bernie has this to report:

**ET – Ethiopia** - W9XY and K4ZW are headed back to the ET3AA station soon. W9XY, Bob, arrives the morning of June 19, Ken a couple days later. It's the usual plan, doing some shack maintenance for the local ops, and operating and training with them. A few new operators will sit in. Both Bob and Ken leave on the evening of the 29th. This time they plan no 160 or 80 but a second station will be committed to 6M. As usual, they will do SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via N200.

**FT#G - Glorioso Island** - FH4VVK (F4VVJ), Marek, is planning a one-man DXpedition to Glorioso Island later this year. The exact date is expected to be announced at Ham Radio in Friedrichshafen, Germany, later this month. He will be signing FT4GL. A Twitter account has been setup @FT4GL. In support of this operation will be F8CRS, F5IRO and F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV.

**OY - Faroe Islands** - OY/DC8TM and OY/DF3TS plan their next activity for June 25 to July 5, SSB and FT8.

**P2 - Papua New Guinea** - P29VBR by ZL3SSB, Giovanni, "Gio," will be coming and going from the island for his job over the foreseeable future and doesn't know how much time he will be able to get on the air. He will be at Ella Beach in Port Moresby, June 11-21 for the first trip. His radio is an IC- 7300, 100 watts, to wire antenna(s), 10M only for now, operating modes JUSA and FT8. QSLing is direct to his ZL3SSB QTH only.

**VP6/d - Ducie Island** - The VP6A operation is delayed due to bad weather on the island. Expected arrival is now June 11 with setup starting that day.

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### CONTEST CORNER

Below is a list of upcoming contests in the “Contest Corner”. I think this is important for someone who is trying to move up the DXCC ladder since entities that are on the rarer side and easiest to work in contests. Some of my best “catches” have been on the Sunday

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afternoon of a contest when the rarer entities are begging for QSOs. Of course, the gamble is that if you wait until Sunday, conditions may change, or they simply won't be workable. However, it is not a bad gamble. Of course, why not work the contest and have some fun!

Check out the WA7BNM Contest Calendar page (<https://www.contestcalendar.com/>) and CQ Magazine for more contests or more details. I also have a comprehensive list that can be imported to your calendar at [www.aj8b.com/files](http://www.aj8b.com/files)

The contests in **red** are those that I plan to spend some significant participation time on. PLEASE let me know if you are working contests and how you fared.

Thanks!

Date(s)	Event	Info
All Year	CQ DX Marathon	<a href="http://bit.ly/3FyPiui">http://bit.ly/3FyPiui</a>
June 14	RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	<a href="http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>
June 14	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/">http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/</a>
June 17	AGCW VHF-UHF Contest	<a href="https://www.agcw.de/contest/vhf-uhf/">https://www.agcw.de/contest/vhf-uhf/</a>
June 17	ARRL Kids Day Contest	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/kids-day">http://www.arrl.org/kids-day</a>
June 17	FIRAC VHF Contest	<a href="http://www.firac.de/html/contest.html">http://www.firac.de/html/contest.html</a>
June 17-18	All Asian CW DX Contest	<a href="https://bit.ly/3HVjkra">https://bit.ly/3HVjkra</a>
June 17-18	IARU Region 1 50 MHz Contest	<a href="https://bit.ly/3r1kqvT">https://bit.ly/3r1kqvT</a>
June 17-18	SMIRK Contest	<a href="http://www.smirk.org/contest.html">http://www.smirk.org/contest.html</a>
June 17-18	Stew Perry Topband Challenge	<a href="https://www.kkn.net/stew/stew_rules.html">https://www.kkn.net/stew/stew_rules.html</a>
June 17-18	West Virginia QSO Party	<a href="http://bit.ly/3l3K6Z7">http://bit.ly/3l3K6Z7</a>
June 18	WAB 50 MHz Phone	<a href="http://bit.ly/31yE4kT">http://bit.ly/31yE4kT</a>
June 21	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	<a href="http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/">http://www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en/</a>
June 22	RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	<a href="http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl">http://bit.ly/3TxCrxl</a>
June 24	UFT QRP Contest	<a href="https://www.uft.net/concours-grp-uft/">https://www.uft.net/concours-grp-uft/</a>
June 24-25	ARRL Field Day	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/field-day">http://www.arrl.org/field-day</a>
June 24-25	His Maj. King of Spain SSB Contest	<a href="http://bit.ly/1cKAR5V">http://bit.ly/1cKAR5V</a>
June 26	RSGB FT4 Contest Series	<a href="http://it.ly/3TxCrxl">http://it.ly/3TxCrxl</a>
July 15-16	CQ WW VHF Contest	<a href="http://www.cqww-vhf.com">http://www.cqww-vhf.com</a>

# OHIO'S



I really hesitate about starting this week's column with sad news, but think I must inform our readers of the sudden passing of one of South Central Ohio's true ham radio promoters-John Hartmus II of Frankfort. John held amateur license call sign WB8GRX and was a long-time member of the **Scioto Valley ARA**. Besides being an active club member, John was the Club's VE Team leader and not only conducted the team's periodic exams, but also was known for the quality of the classes he conducted. Just days before his passing he had conducted the Piketon Hamfest test session and the day before his passing had been in contact with this columnist with the results. According to the *Chillicothe Gazette* services were held on Friday.



The Lewis and Clark Trail On The Air Special Event sponsored by the Vancouver, Washington **Clark County ARC** is now off and running. Although time, an injury and other events have hampered my air time, I have been able to put KY4KY into the log. I'm hoping band conditions, some spotting on DX Summit and some down time from the farm will allow me to get a few more. This year the **Portsmouth RC** (N8QA) is the sole Ohio club chosen of the 20 clubs in 16 states to participate in the event. Certificates will be available to individuals working participating stations along the route. There is a lot of information available on the [www.lctota.org](http://www.lctota.org) website.

If you are thinking of upgrading your current Technician Amateur Radio License to gain the General privileges needed to work all the increased DX during this solar cycle, you need to quickly take action. As mentioned in previous columns in just a few days the current General License question pool will be replaced by a new test pool at 12:01 AM on July 1. Several South 40 clubs offer frequent testing sessions and some may even offer Elmering to those needing assistance as the June deadline draws nearer. Some of the clubs in the South 40 Region known to hold monthly exams are the **Milford ARC**, the **Southern Ohio ARC**, the **Cambridge ARA** and the **Lancaster Fairfield County ARC**. Check out the [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) website to find a test session that fits your schedule.

A number of important items are on the agenda to discuss at the **Highland ARA's** June 13 business meeting according to President Ken Lightner, KE8JEL. It begins at 7 PM at Hillsboro's Liberty Park Harmony Lake Shelter House but could be moved to the County EMA Office based upon the weather. Those wanting to attend are urged to monitor the 147.21 repeater for

up-to-date information. Also on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the **DeForest ARA** will meet at the Adams County Health Department Field Day site to start their planning. The Field Day Planning Committee meeting begins at 6 PM with the regular business meeting to follow.

The Dairy Lane Park will be the June 20 location for the annual **Athens County ARA Picnic**. Although the Club will furnish the burgers and dogs, members are asked to bring a covered dish to share as well as table ware and non-alcoholic drinks. This family event starts at 5:30.

The **OH-KY-IN ARS** needs assistance manning their fund raising beer booth during the July 4 “Red, White and Blue Ash”. Workers are needed from around 3:30 PM until the fireworks show begins about 10. Contact Bruce Vanselow, N8BV, at 513-251-1555 for more information or to offer your assistance.



Last time out I suggested once you know the location of your Field Day operation to post it on the ARRL’s FREE Field Day Locator clubs to not participate. Therefore it is a participating clubs to know nearby places and they be welcomed to participate. Since shows some new additions in “our little part [www.arrl.org/field-day-locator](http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator).

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On July 21 and 22 the **West Virginia Museum of Radio and Technology** will hold their annual **Summer Heat Swap Meet and Auction** at the Museum in Huntington. If you have not visited this outstanding Museum that covers all kinds of radio, television and technology, this is another excellent opportunity. Not only can you tour the exhibits, but also attend a swap meet all in a single worthwhile trip. Roadside America says this about the Museum—it’s a neat “place to display all the neat tech junk spouses would have have thrown out”. This just might be a great road trip for a batch of hams or others interested in classic radio equipment to make. Check out their web site at [www.mrtwv.org](http://www.mrtwv.org) for more info as well as YouTube for numerous videos.

Their annual **Columbus Hamfest**, sponsored by the **Aladdian Shrine Audio Unit**, will take place on August 5 at the Shrine Center just South of Columbus in Grove City. Then on August 12 the **Milford ARC’s Cincinnati Hamfest** will return to the Clermont County Fairgrounds East of Cincinnati in Owensville. Visit the [www.cincinnatihamfest.org](http://www.cincinnatihamfest.org) website for more information. The third annual **Buffalo 10 Meter Net’s Ham Radio Swap Meet** will be held in conjunction with the Leavitt Car Show on September 16 in Belpre. The event is totally free and includes door prizes, music, food and drink. Visit the [www.buffalo10meter.net](http://www.buffalo10meter.net) website for details.



Speaking of hamfests, over 200 people attended the recent **Athens County ARA** Hamfest. Club officials report it was the largest attendance since 2014.

At the recent **Scioto Valley ARA** Hamfest, Dwight Kelly, K4YJ, informed me the winner of the **Southwestern Ohio DX Association**'s raffle of a week's stay at the Turks and Caicos Island DX Villa was Loveland's Tom Inglin, NR8Z. The raffle was well received. Dwight also stated the group would not have any meetings during the summer with the next meeting in September.

The **Cambridge ARA** will celebrate the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club's founding with an information booth at the August 11-13 Salt Fork Arts and Crafts Festival in the Cambridge City Park. Lyn Alfman is asking for some additional volunteers to assist with the manning of that booth during the three days of the event. Contact her for more information or to volunteer your services.



Between the **Athens County ARA** and the **Hocking Valley ARA** foxes in the Hocking Hills have to be nervous as both clubs have their summer fox hunting schedules underway. On June 4 the ACARA held their event with Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, being the first to locate the "fox" in a remote section of Athens County.

The Marietta area has added another new ham to their numbers. According to the recent FCC database Thomas Breen from Marietta has been issued a Tech License and the KE8YNY call sign. Congrats Thomas!

Although Field Day is only days and hours away, some clubs and individuals already have their plans posted to let others know they intend to activate a particular Ohio State Park during the September 9 Ohio State Parks on the Air operating event. According to the OSPOTA web site activation list there are now 17 parks activations indicated with two of them with two different operations. Unfortunately there are some Southern Ohio State Parks that seem to be never activated. Therefore by activating one of those "missing" parks you have an opportunity to become very popular by being a station chased instead of being a chaser. Although the event is some time away, now is the time to start giving some thought to taking part in this growing activity. Check the [www.ospota.org](http://www.ospota.org) website for planned and past activations, this year's rules and an overview of the event in general.

In next week's column I anticipate acknowledging the clubs and individuals who will be putting portable stations on the air during Field Day weekend. If you would like to let others know you will be on the air, drop me a memo at one of the below emails. Also indicate if you welcome

visitors to your site since many hams who belong to non-participating clubs like to make road trips to see the various styles of set ups and meet the folks they work on the air.

N8ZNR and I host the **Highland ARA** Field Day at our Ohio Century Farm near New Vienna. If you are one of those people without a Field Day home, we would welcome your visit to the operation from Clinton County's highest point. However between our blueberry growing operation and trying to get the barn and grounds ready for visitors, we will be tied up the week ending with the event. Therefore there will not be a Field Day weekend column. So if you have something you would like promoted the first part of July, please get it to me this week.

In the meantime, here's hoping each of you have a great and safe week. Plus one that's radio active.

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**Walters, Michael,**  
**W8ZY**

Wed, Jun 7, 8:58 AM (4 days ago)

to ARRL

Hello,

The ARRL Public Relations Committee is excited to share a video with helpful tips for maximizing Field Day PR and Publicity. With a few weeks left before Field Day, there's a great opportunity to garner attention, press, and social exposure for your club's event.

The video is available [via this link](#) as an unlisted upload on our ARRLHQ YouTube channel. In it, you'll learn some best practices that have worked well in other ham clubs. The [ARRL Field Day web page](#) has a lot of resources you might find helpful, as well. ARRL is planning a livestream from W1AW, The Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station, on Field Day to help generate excitement and social traction during the event. Look for more information on that soon.

As always, we are grateful for your support in the effort to advance amateur radio! Please don't hesitate to reach out if any of us at HQ may be of service.

Keep up the great work!

73,  
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Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Field Day PR Primer



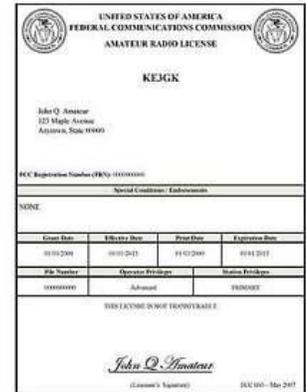
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## Print an Official or Unofficial Copy of Your Amateur Radio License

(By Anthony Luscre, K8ZT)

As of February 17, 2015, the **FCC no longer routinely issues paper license documents** to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one.

Licensees also will be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial “reference copy” — from the ULS License Manager. I’ve created a set of instructions on how you can request an “official” printed copy of your license\*



[Click here to download the instructions](#)

### One Question Questionnaire

!!!! I would really like to hear from as many of you as possible. How about going to <http://arrl-ohio.org> and giving me a click? (It’s in the bottom left corner of the page) While you’re there, you can click the Big Red Arrow to enter into this months Handbook Giveaway!

This week’s Question: Does your grounding system consist of more than 3 ground rods?

A) Yes, or B) No



From last weeks question:

Have you taken part in a “Public Service” event this year, or will you by years end ? It’s a little weak here, only 61 responses, but about 50/50 yes/no. Lots of opportunities coming up!

**(This is a subliminal message:** Go to the Ohio Section Website, on the bottom left of the landing page answer this week’s question. **AND DON’T FORGET** – look for the Big Red Arrow and sign up for the June Handbook give away!)

AND THE May HandBook winner is: Kirk Groeneveld KC8JRV!

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### Ohio Section Cabinet

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Hey Gang,

Have you taken a look at the **Swap & Shop** page on the Ohio Section webpage yet?? Here’s a link that will take you there... <http://arri-ohio.org/sm/s-s.html>

Do you have equipment that you just don’t need or want anymore? Here’s a great venue to advertise it, and it’s FREE!! Is your club doing a fund raiser to help raise money? After a lot of thought, it was decided that the Swap & Shop webpage could also contain these types of items as well. The same rules will apply as do for the For Sales and Give-A-Ways and will only be posted for a month at a time. Please see the Terms & Conditions on the webpage.

If your club is doing a fund raiser and wants more exposure, please forward the information to me and I'll advertise it on the Swap & Shop webpage for you.

Now, I still want to remind you that it won't be listed in this newsletter because it would take up way too much space, so your ad will only appear on the website. It is there for any individual to post equipment Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away as well as for Club Fund Raisers. No licensed vehicles/trailers or business advertising will be posted. Postings are text only (no pictures or graphics) will be posted for a maximum of 1 month from date posting and require a contact phone number or email within the posting. Send your Wanted / For Sale or Give-Away post to: [swap@arrlohio.org](mailto:swap@arrlohio.org)

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### ***Back Issues of the PostScript and Ohio Section Journal***

Hey, did you know that PostScript and Ohio Section Journal (OSJ) are archived on the website? You can go back and look at any edition simply by clicking:

<http://arrl-ohio.org/news/index.html>



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### ***Want to Share your Club Newsletter With Others?***

We have a webpage where you can download and read all of the newsletters that I get from around the state and even other sections!

Here's the link to the page.... [http://arrl-ohio.org/club\\_news/index.html](http://arrl-ohio.org/club_news/index.html)

Please, if you don't see your club newsletter posted, it's because I'm not receiving it. Just have your newsletter editor contact me and I'll get your club's newsletter listed on the site!!

We all learn and steal (I mean, share) from each other's work. So, get me your newsletter!!! Send it to: [webmaster@arrl-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arrl-ohio.org)



## ***Chit – Chat, and All That!***

Do you know someone that's not getting these Newsletters? Please, forward a copy of this Newsletter over to them and have them "[Opt-In](#)" to start receiving them. Heck, just have them send an email to: [webmaster@arri-ohio.org](mailto:webmaster@arri-ohio.org) and we'll get them added to the Ohio Section Emailing list.



We now have many thousands of readers receiving these newsletters weekly. Quite impressive, I'd say! I urge all of you to make sure that everyone, regardless of whether they are a League member or not, get signed up to receive these weekly Newsletters.



You can always "Opt-Out" at any time if you feel this is not what you were expecting. It's fun and very informative. All of your favorite past newsletters are now archived too. You can go back at any time and read them.

Just go to: <http://arri-ohio.org/news/>

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*PostScript is produced as a weekly newsletter. I want to thank everyone that has contributed articles and ideas to make this an even better news source. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed this edition and will encourage your friends to join with you in receiving the latest news and information about the Ohio Section, and news and events happening around the world! Occasionally you may find an error or two in this newsletter – be assured, they were put there on purpose to make sure you're reading the newsletter carefully!*